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SUBJ: TAXATION OF INSTRUMENTS OF FOREIGN COMMERCE

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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH COMMERCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL
LYSGAARD. HE TOLD US THERE ARE NO TAXES APPLIED IN DENMARK
TO INSTRUMENTS OF FOREIGN COMMERCE AND EMPHASIZED THAT
DENMARK, BEING A TRADITIONAL FREE-TRADER, STRONGLY OP-
POSES SUCH OBSTACLES TO THE FREE CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL
TRADE.

2. LYSGAARD FURTHER TOLD US THAT DENMARK, TOGETHER WITH
OTHER LIBERAL SHIPPING NATIONS, WILL RAISE OR HAS RAISED
(WAS NOT CLEAR OF STATUS DUE TO MINISTRY VACATIONS)
ISSUE OF CALIFORNIA CONTAINER TAX IN WASHINGTON COTTON
CLUB AND OECD SHIPPING COMMITTEE.

3. DANISH PARLIAMENT PASSED LEGISLATION MARCH 1978
WHICH PERMITS THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE TO IMPOSE
RETALIATORY MEASURES TOWARDS NATIONS WHICH DIS-
CRIMINATE AGAINST DANISH AND INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING.
AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE ACT IS GIVEN
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BILL TO AMEND THE ACT ON MEASURES AGAINST DIS-
CRIMINATION WITHIN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING.
(PASSED BY PARLIAMENT MARCH 17,1978)
PARA 1.
PARAGRAPH 1 OF ACT NO. 253 OF JUNE 8, 1967 CON-
CERNING MEASURES AGAINST DISCRIMINATION WITHIN
INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING SHALL BE FORMULATED AS

FOLLOWS:

PARA. 1. IF TRANSPORTATION BY DANISH VESSELS TO OR FROM A FOREIGN STATE BE SUBJECTED TO LESS FAVORABLE TREATMENT THAN TRANSPORTATION BY VESSELS REGISTERED IN THE MENTIONED STATE OR IN A THIRD COUNTRY, OR IF MEASURES, WHICH MAY BE DAMAGING TO INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING OTHERWISE BE ENACTED OR CONTEMPLATED, THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH RULES TO MAINTAIN DANISH INTERESTS IN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH OTHER STATES, THE SHIPPING OF WHICH IS OR MAY BE ACCORDINGLY DAMAGED, A) WHICH PROHIBIT OR LIMIT THE CONTRACTING OF AGREEMENTS ABOUT CHARTERING OR TRANSPORTATION BY VESSELS BEING REGISTERED IN THE FOREIGN STATE, OR PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF ENTERPRISES IN THE SUBJECT STATE, B) WHICH PROHIBIT, LIMIT OR CONTROL CALLS AT DANISH HARBORS OF THE IN ITEM (A) MENTIONED VESSELS, OR MAKE CALLS CONDITIONAL ON PAYMENT OF SPECIAL FEES, C) WHICH PROHIBIT THAT VESSELS REGISTERED IN THIS STATE BE PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF ENTERPRISES IN THE FOREIGN STATE WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION.

PARA. 2.

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THE DATE OF THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE BILL WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE.

4. THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE HAS NOT YET DETERMINED WHEN THE ACT SHALL COME INTO FORCE.

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